

RECAPTURE OF JIM PARKER.

S. S. Preston Apprehends the Willy Desperado.

The End of a Hard and Desperate Chase—Mr. Preston's Daring Night Ride—An Interview With the Captor.

Campbell & Preston's trading post is situated at Willow Springs, ninety miles northwest of Flagstaff. Parker when captured was heading for the Buckskin mountains, to reach which he had to cross the Colorado river at Lee's Ferry. When surrounded by Mr. Preston and the Indians he was within a few miles of the ferry and expected to cross it that morning.

A reporter for THE SUN DEMOCRAT interviewed S. S. Preston, the captor of Jim Parker, and obtained the following authentic account of the affair. We believe it is the only correct account that has been published. Mr. Preston said:

"About sunup Tuesday morning, the 25th, I was awakened by Joe Lee, the man who works in our store, saying that there was a man outside who was very hungry and hadn't eaten for five days. I got up, dressed and invited the man in. On seeing the stranger, I felt certain I had seen him before somewhere, but couldn't place him. He came in and sat down near the stove, where he could watch everything. He seemed to me to be very nervous. He asked for some tobacco and he followed Lee into the store to

get it. "He came out and sat down again. Lee asked him if he'd heard whether they had captured the men who broke jail at Prescott or not. He said he had not, but didn't think they had. Lee related the circumstances of how they broke jail as he had heard it and told about Parker having killed Norris, and about the engagement on Lynx creek, where the posse had killed one of the prisoner's horses. When Lee said that one of them came back, picked up the Mexican and placed him on his own horse while twenty men were shooting at him, the man asked him who that was. Lee answered, 'Parker.' He laughed then. He asked a number of questions about the watering places, trails, etc., in that country, and said he was looking for some horses that had been stolen from him.

"After he ate breakfast he bought some chewing tobacco and a couple cans of fruit. He then stepped outside where his horses were. I told Lee as soon as the man had stepped out that I thought the stranger was Parker and that we had better take him in. But instead of Parker coming back to the store he got on his horse and rode off. This was about 7 o'clock.

"I then got on my horse and rode to Tuba, to find the officers whom I thought were there. I did not find them, but met Nebeker, who is a Deputy Sheriff, and told him of Parker. I then returned to Willow Springs, and raising a posse of nine Indian trailers, whom I paid \$15 apiece to accompany me, set out on Parker's trail. It was getting on toward evening when we left the trading post and we followed the trail until we came onto him the next

morning, fifty miles from Willow Springs.

"The first thing we saw was his horses, picketed. We all dismounted and surrounded Parker, who lay in a little basinlike place asleep. A shot was fired by one of the Indians to awaken him.

"Parker jumped up, gun in hand, and hollered, 'That's all right, boys; that's good!' I ordered him to lay his gun down and come up to where I was, and he said, 'Is that you, Fletcher?' I replied, 'You lay that gun down and come up here.' He invited me to come down to where he was. I told him to hurry up or he'd be killed. Then he laid down his gun and started up. I went toward him and met him about twenty yards from his gun, and searched him. The Indians brought the horses around, we saddled up and came back to Willow Springs, arriving there about 1 p. m. We had dinner and rested our horses until 5 o'clock.

"I left the Indians here, procuring two others to help bring Parker to Flagstaff. We started out, and along about 9 o'clock in the evening, when five miles from the Little Colorado river, we met the Indian mail carrier on his way to Tuba. He told us that the Sheriff was on his way out and about seven miles on the opposite side of the river. I told Parker that we would meet the Sheriff on the other side.

"We reached the river and crossed about 10 o'clock, camping for the night. I had the Indians unsaddle the horses while I watched Parker. He assisted in making a fire and once I stepped into the brush with him, about thirty feet from the fire, to get some wood.

Along about half past ten some one on a horse rode up to within twenty or thirty feet of the fire. I first thought it was one of our Indians. I soon saw that it was a white man and that he was getting his Winchester out of the scabbard. I called out, 'This man is already under arrest.' 'Oh, he is,' replied the horseman. 'Yes,' I answered. He asked me if I was from Willow Springs, and when I told him I was he said, 'all right.' Just then Parker spoke up and asked, 'Is that you, Ruffner?' He answered 'Yes.' This was the first intimation I had who the horseman was, other than that he must be an officer.

"About 1 o'clock in the morning Sheriff Cameron and Under Sheriff Fairchild came up in a buckboard, and at daylight we started for Flagstaff."

They arrived in town about 6:30 last Thursday evening and Parker was lodged in the county jail. Saturday together with Miller, who escaped with him, he was taken to Prescott, Sheriff Cameron accompanying Sheriff Ruffner with the prisoner.

From Coconino County.

A great deal of interest is now being taken in the prospecting in the Grand Canyon of the Colorado. It has been known for many years that rich veins existed there, the outcroppings being plainly seen in the faces of the cliffs. There are now about 30 men operating claims there. The cliffs are very steep and the operators are building trails down their face to reach the claims which show below. In one place they have made a trail three feet wide at a point where the precipice is nearly 800 feet high, making a station on the vein. They propose to follow the vein about 100 feet in from the face of the cliffs and then upraise to the surface. They think that the vein goes much nearer to the surface than the point where it shows, and will store the ore they may take out in stations, dumping the waste into the canyon, and when they reach the surface will widen the trail and build a tramway to raise the ore. At some points in the canyon it is possible to build a road near the bottom which will have an outlet six or eight miles down the river. Eventually this road will be built and then all the ore will be lowered with a tram. It is a big scheme, but the ore is rich enough to warrant it, and no doubt it will eventually succeed.—Pick and Drill.

June 6th is Woodmen's Day, but being Sunday, the Woodmen of Flagstaff will celebrate the event on Monday night, June 7, by giving a Stag Social at the G. A. R. Hall. All Stags and visiting Woodmen will be made welcome.

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The Santa Fe has a new time table which went into effect last Sunday. East bound passenger train now arrives at 10:15 a. m., and No. 1 west bound at 10:50 a. m. The limited trains are taken off.

The rustling commercial traveler of Albuquerque, C. C. Hall, is in the city today interviewing our merchants. He is enthusiastic over the coming fair to be held in Albuquerque commencing September 13th. The directors are working with the Industrial department of the Santa Fe and hope to be able to get reduced rates from all points. A purse of \$1,500 will be offered for baseball, \$600 for bicycles and \$2,000 for horse races. Never before in the history of Albuquerque will she have such a rousing fair as the one to be held there in September. The directors desire exhibits from all points along the line, which will be sent free of expense.